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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. On 1500, 3 August 1954, I called on Lt. Col. Riley, Operations Branch G-2, room 2-B-516 in the Pentagon. The call was made at Col. Riley's request to discuss a cable from the Military Attaché in Rome, Col. [redacted] Dawson dated 30 July 1954.

2. The cable, as reconstructed from memory, stated that a confidential informant (evaluation C-3) had reported that Carl HAAS "well-known double agent now residing in Rome" was concerned over the possible results of an Allied investigation of the Otto John case. HAAS has stated that he has been in contact with three of John's agents, one of whom was reported to be working for the Soviets.

3. Lt. Col. Riley informed me that he was bringing this cable to our attention since he felt that perhaps the security of some operation of ours was involved. I informed Lt. Col. Riley that Carl HAAS is not in the employ of CIA and that we are interested in his activities only for routine coverage. I suggested to Col. Riley that the contents of the cable be brought to the attention of [redacted]

4. Lt. Col. Riley drafted a cable to the MA in Rome informing him of the above, and requesting that the contents of the original MA cable be passed to [redacted] without revealing the identity of the source. I concurred.

5. Upon departing Lt. Col. Riley commented that he was extremely interested in protecting CIA operations and wished that CIA do the same when it stumbles over some G-2 operations. I agreed that this was an excellent course, and suggested that the 430th CIC Detachment in Austria, which is known to maintain contact with HAAS, also be informed of the MA report.

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